

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Keiichi IWAMURA, et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/727,637)	
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Filed: December 5, 2003)	Confirmation No. 9624
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For: DIGITAL WATERMARK)	
EMBEDDING METHOD,	:	
DIGITAL WATERMARK)	
EXTRACTION METHOD,	:	
DIGITAL WATERMARK)	
EMBEDDING APPARATUS,	:	
AND DIGITAL WATERMARK)	
EXTRACTION APPARATUS	:	March 27, 2007

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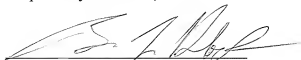
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed February 28, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Species III, corresponding to the embodiment depicted by Figure 12. Applicants respectively submit that Claims 8-11 and 24 to 27 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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